

Benjamin D. Rodriguez

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R. J. Donovan Correctional Facility

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Benjamin D. Rodriguez

(FULL NAME OF PETITIONER)

PETITIONER

v.

Warden Hernandez(NAME OF WARDEN, SUPERINTENDENT, JAILOR, OR AUTHORIZED
PERSON HAVING CUSTODY OF PETITIONER [E.G., DIRECTOR OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS])

RESPONDENT

and

The Attorney General of the State of
California, Additional Respondent.Civil No. '07CV 2230 J LSP

(TO BE FILLED IN BY CLERK OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2254
BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY

1. Name and location of the court that entered the judgment of conviction under attack: superior Court of Calif., County of San Diego
2. Date of judgment of conviction: On May 3rd 2007
3. Trial court case number of the judgment of conviction being challenged: _____
4. Length of sentence: 20 years

5. Sentence start date and projected release date: May 3, 07 to 2023
6. Offense(s) for which you were convicted or pleaded guilty (all counts): PC. 288,
7. What was your plea? (CHECK ONE)
- (a) Not guilty ☐
- (b) Guilty ☒
- (c) Nolo contendere ☐
8. If you pleaded not guilty, what kind of trial did you have? (CHECK ONE)
- (a) Jury ☐
- (b) Judge only ☐ N/A
9. Did you testify at the trial?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No

DIRECT APPEAL

10. Did you appeal from the judgment of conviction in the **California Court of Appeal**?
- ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. If you appealed in the **California Court of Appeal**, answer the following:
- (a) Result: N/A
- (b) Date of result, case number and citation, if known: _____
- This particular instance
- (c) Grounds raised on direct appeal: Abuse of 1385 Discretion, and illegal Sentencing arbitration, 8th Amendment right violations, 6th and 14th Amendment right violations, points and Authorities. People V. Garcia (1999) 4th Dist. Cal.
12. If you sought further direct review of the decision on appeal by the **California Supreme Court** (e.g., a Petition for Review), please answer the following:
- (a) Result: N/A
- (b) Date of result, case number and citation, if known: unknown
- (c) Grounds raised: N/A

13. If you filed a petition for certiorari in the United States Supreme Court, please answer the following with respect to that petition:

(a) Result: Not yet

(b) Date of result, case number and citation, if known: N/A

(c) Grounds raised: In discovery

COLLATERAL REVIEW IN STATE COURT

14. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions (e.g., a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus) with respect to this judgment in the California Superior Court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

15. If your answer to #14 was "Yes," give the following information:

(a) California Superior Court Case Number: N/A

(b) Nature of proceeding: N/A

(c) Grounds raised: N/A not applicable in this present instonse bring a laymen at law and having no access to the appropriate legal materials.

(d) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(e) Result: It would of been impassable. under the circumstance

(f) Date of result: N/A

16. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions (e.g., a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus) with respect to this judgment in the California Court of Appeal?

☐ Yes ☒ No

17. If your answer to #16 was "Yes," give the following information:

- (a) California Court of Appeal Case Number: N/A
- (b) Nature of proceeding: N/A
- (c) Grounds raised: N/A
- (d) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?
☐ Yes ☒ No
- (e) Result: N/A
- (f) Date of result: N/A

18. Other than a direct appeal from the judgment of conviction and sentence, have you previously filed any petitions, applications, or motions (e.g., a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus) with respect to this judgment in the California Supreme Court?

☐ Yes ☒ No

19. If your answer to #18 was "Yes," give the following information:

- (a) California Supreme Court Case Number: N/A
- (b) Nature of proceeding: N/A
- (c) Grounds raised: N/A this is being addressed under other authorities.
- (d) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?
☐ Yes ☒ No
- (e) Result: N/A
- (f) Date of result: N/A

20. If you did *not* file a petition, application or motion (e.g., a Petition for Review or a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus) with the California Supreme Court containing the grounds raised in this federal Petition, explain briefly why you did not:

Laymen at law, no access to the appropriate legal materil, no understanding of the nature of these petitions, and or motions or writs of habetus corpus.

COLLATERAL REVIEW IN FEDERAL COURT

21. Is this your **first** federal petition for writ of habeas corpus challenging this conviction?

☒ Yes ☐ No (If "YES" SKIP TO #22)

(a) If no, in what federal court was the prior action filed? Not applicable

(i) What was the prior case number? Not applicable

(ii) Was the prior action (CHECK ONE):

☐ Denied on the merits?

☐ Dismissed for procedural reasons?

(iii) Date of decision: Not applicable

(b) Were any of the issues in this current petition also raised in the prior federal petition?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(c) If the prior case was denied on the merits, has the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals given you permission to file this second or successive petition?

☐ Yes ☐ No

CAUTION:

- **Exhaustion of State Court Remedies:** In order to proceed in federal court you must ordinarily first exhaust your state court remedies as to each ground on which you request action by the federal court. This means that even if you have exhausted some grounds by raising them before the California Supreme Court, you must first present *all* other grounds to the California Supreme Court before raising them in your federal Petition.
- **Single Petition:** If you fail to set forth all grounds in this Petition challenging a specific judgment, you may be barred from presenting additional grounds challenging the same judgment at a later date.
- **Factual Specificity:** You must state facts, not conclusions, in support of your grounds. For example, if you are claiming incompetence of counsel you must state facts specifically setting forth what your attorney did or failed to do. A rule of thumb to follow is — state who did exactly what to violate your federal constitutional rights at what time or place.

GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

22. State *concisely* every ground on which you claim that you are being held in violation of the constitution, law or treaties of the United States. Summarize *briefly* the facts supporting each ground. If necessary, you may attach pages stating additional grounds and/or facts supporting each ground.

(a) **GROUND ONE:** California penal Code: 1385 Discretion
Case Law. people V. Garcia (1999)

Supporting FACTS (state *briefly* without citing cases or law) I was convicted
and Sentenced to 20 years with 9 Strikes, this
is indeed a 14th amendment right violation. An 8th
amendment right Violation as well as a 6th Amendment
right violation; This is a flagrant abuses of 1385
Discretion, The 9th circuit affirmed and the supreme
Court upheld and severely cautioned the 4th and
2nd district as to these discretion abuses, figura-
tively this an unfair and Illegal Sentence Structer.
The trial Cort shoned its excercising of 1385 Discretion
in a ~~at~~ arbitrary, Capricious or patently absurd manner
that resulted in a Illegal Sentencing struter.
Also there was no emphasis placed on the fact
this was a first offense there by blatantly
disregarding the 9th circuit appeal to the
second district and the 4th district, revealing
the enevadibility of reversal or meritorious
grounds for reversal, the Caution was placed
on the 4th district to reveal a Absurd
pAthern of 1385 discretion abuses.

Did you raise **GROUND ONE** in the California Supreme Court?

☐ Yes ☐ No.

(b) **GROUND TWO:** 8th Amendment right Violation:

Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): As a first offense the sentencing Judge overreached his judicial power's no where in the history of California Sentencing Law is there a case where a defendant bring a first timer has entered into arbitration as to "9" strikes actually striking or bring a permanent part of a plea agreement: SE: wilding V. State of Calif. (1996) 4th Dis. people V. Trower, 6 Dis.) Mo. people V. Brown 2003 CA1 Lexis 6516 Ccal. Aug. 27 This also is a form of coercion in that this sentence "Currently" and any other conviction would be mandated: It is a due process Error, this sentence must be set aside and reconsidered! It cannot and will not Stand. This is reversible Error and it is substantial. And the law does mandate such relief as is equivalent to the damages actued. In this particular instance the defendant has suffered invariable under such illegal Sentencing arbitration, in all actuality a misdemeanor offense was committed against the defendant if not only for the sole purpose of future convictions this sentenced must be vacated, and relief ordered. Respectfully.

Did you raise **GROUND TWO** in the California Supreme Court?

☐ Yes ☐ No.

Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): Clearly the sentencing strucker indicates reversible Error. The damage accrued is accumulative, and if not addressed incurable: My constitutionally protected & inalienable guaranteed 14th amendment right was violated when the sentencing Judge did not fulfill the statute's criteria to the fullest extent of the LAW! Obviously I was not protected under my 14th amendment rights. This is nothing short of a due process violation, Again the sentence must be set aside and reconsidered. Respectfully.

Defendant would also pray the courts take into consideration the defendant has already accrued damage personally suffering under said arbitration, The damage accrued falls under multiple jurisdictions, it also falls under civil procedure. The defendant however shall be satisfied with the finding of reversible Error, and sent back to the trial judge for a setting aside of this illegal arbitration and resentencing, with substantial relief. Anything else under these circumstance would be unacceptable: The 4th District continues to blatantly disregard the 9th circuit Court of Appeals reprimands and cautions.

Did you raise GROUND THREE in the California Supreme Court?

☐ Yes ☒ No.

(d) **GROUND FOUR:** 6th Amendment right violation.

Supporting FACTS (state briefly without citing cases or law): Obviously Court room administration was breached, fundamentally there is no court room administration if this inalienable right is obstructed, This is the Apex of "Due process" the above mentioned right violations Are ("inseperable") if all entities in the count of LAW are not working Condu-sively for this protected right there is and was no justice. The sentence there-fore must be reversed. This is also strongly up-held in the commission on judicial performance, These flagrant right violation actually teeter on judicial misconduct, no ONE given attorney could be oblivious to such blatant disregard to constitutionally protected right. The Suprem court itself has severely Cautioned against such systematic Errosion of federally protected right's. We adressed the procedural prerequisites for the declaration of against penal intrest Exception.

Did you raise **GROUND FOUR** in the California Supreme Court?

☐ Yes ☒ No.

23. Do you have any petition or appeal **now pending** in any court, either state or federal, pertaining to the judgment under attack?

☐ Yes ☒ No

24. If your answer to #23 is "Yes," give the following information:

(a) Name of Court: N/A

(b) Case Number: N/A

(c) Date action filed: N/A

(d) Nature of proceeding: N/A

(e) Grounds raised: N/A

(f) Did you receive an evidentiary hearing on your petition, application or motion?

☐ Yes ☐ No

25. Give the name and address, if known, of each attorney who represented you in the following stages of the judgment attacked herein:

(a) At preliminary hearing: IN pro-per

(b) At arraignment and plea: _____

(c) At trial: _____

(d) At sentencing: _____

(e) On appeal: N/A

(f) In any post-conviction proceeding: _____

(g) On appeal from any adverse ruling in a post-conviction proceeding: N/A

26. Were you sentenced on more than one count of an indictment, or on more than one indictment, in the same court and at the same time?

☒ Yes ☐ No

27. Do you have any future sentence to serve after you complete the sentence imposed by the judgment under attack?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(a) If so, give name and location of court that imposed sentence to be served in the future:

N/A

(b) Give date and length of the future sentence: N/A

(c) Have you filed, or do you contemplate filing, any petition attacking the judgment which imposed the sentence to be served in the future?

☐ Yes ☒ No N/A

28. Date you are mailing (or handing to a correctional officer) this Petition to this court: _____

November 14, 2007

Wherefore, Petitioner prays that the Court grant Petitioner relief to which he may be entitled in this proceeding.

Benjamin D. Rodriguez
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (IF ANY)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on

Nov. 14, 2007
B.R.
(DATE)

Benjamin D. Rodriguez
SIGNATURE OF PETITIONER

JS44

(Rev. 07/89)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SECOND PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I (a) PLAINTIFFS

Benjamin D. Rodriquez

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(b) COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED PLAINTIFF San Diego
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF FIRST LISTED DEFENDANT San Diego
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

BY RMA DEPUTY

(c) ATTORNEYS (FIRM NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX FOR PLAINTIFF AND ONE BOX FOR DEFENDANT)

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| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION (CITE THE US CIVIL STATUTE UNDER WHICH YOU ARE FILING AND WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE. DO NOT CITE JURISDICTIONAL STATUTES UNLESS DIVERSITY).

28 U.S.C. 2254

V. NATURE OF SUIT (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

CONTRACT	TORTS		FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Marine <input type="checkbox"/> Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veterans Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders Suits <input type="checkbox"/> Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Medical Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 RR & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (13958) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS - Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reappointment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions
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VI. ORIGIN (PLACE AN x IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removal from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER f.r.e.p. 23

DEMAND \$

Check YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ YES ☐ NO

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY (See Instructions): JUDGE

Docket Number

DATE November 21, 2007

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

R. Miller